Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 16 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 17 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 15 Oct 2020 at 09:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the west seeing the best of the clear/sunny weather over the next couple of days, but lower for distribution of cloud in the east. High for a more changeable spell next week but with large uncertainty for the details.

Headline for Friday 16 Oct 2020: Clear along the West Coast but cloudy and often dull in the east with poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 16 Oct 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Dull	Dull	Dull
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	00%	20%	20%	00%

Forecast for Friday 16 Oct 2020

Weather: Clear and chilly towards the West Coast through morning with areas of cloud feeding west across Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross. Little change in cloud distribution expected through the day with this cloud bringing a few drizzly showers but the west will stay dry with plenty of sunshine.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% across the east with cloud fairly persistent above 400-600m. 90% Western coastal ranges.

Visibility: Rather dull across the east under low cloud and drizzle with fog conditions above modest heights. No issues across the sheltered west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/23 SE	16/21 E	17/21 E	18/23 E	17/22 E	15/20 E	15/21 E	14/19 E	11/15 E
900	20/26 SE	17/21 E	16/20 E	18/23 E	17/22 E	15/20 E	15/21 E	14/19 E	11/15 E
600	12/19 SE	10/15 E	8/12 E	8/12 E	10/16 E	10/15 E	12/19 E	11/16 E	9/13 E
300	7/15 E	6/13 E	4/12 E	6/15 E	7/15 E	8/14 E	7/14 E	6/12 E	4/9 E
Glen	10/15 E	8/13 E	7/12 E	6/13 E	6/13 E	8/14 NE	10/16 E	9/14 E	7/10 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	2/-4	1/-3
900	1/-5	1/-4	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3
600	4/-0	4/0	4/0	4/1	5/2	6/3	5/2	4/1	4/1
300	4/2	4/2	4/2	6/4	8/6	8/6	7/5	6/4	6/4
Glen	6/4	6/4	6/4	8/6	10/9	11/9	9/7	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1000m	1100m	1200m	1800m	2100m	2100m	2100m	2000m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold in the brisk easterly breeze, especially across the cloudier east.

Forecast for Saturday 17 Oct 2020
Weather: Large areas of low cloud persistent across the eastern ranges will gradually extend to more of the West Coast through the day, although Skye and Glen Shiel may stay clear throughout. Cloud will bring a few drizzly showers, especially in the north.

Maximum wind: North 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% north and east, 70% southwest. Cloud rather persistent above 400-600m.

Visibility: Very limited at height in the north and east due to hill fog and drizzle, but improved on lower slopes and likely staying very good across the southwest where skies remain clear.

Temperature: **Glens:** 1-4C rising 7-9C.
At 800m: 0-1C.
Freezing level: 1200m.

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